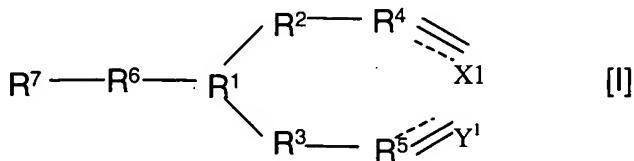


AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An adhesive or sealant composition comprising a compound of formula (I)



provided that at least one of (a) R¹ and R⁶ or (b) R² and R³ or (c) R⁴ and R⁵ includes an electron withdrawing group; and where necessary, a polymerization initiator. Novel compounds of formula (I) are also described and claimed. Adhesive compositions can be used to bond for example glass and metal surfaces. Certain biocompatible adhesives for medical applications are included.